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(SBU) Political Unit Chief met with MFA South Asia Assistant Director Chen Kien Pin May 19 to urge Singapore to support the forthcoming UN humanitarian appeal for Pakistan (reftel). Chen said Singapore is closely monitoring developments in Pakistan and that he will report our request to his superiors. Chen highlighted the GOS announcement on April 30 that it will contribute US\$30,000 to support UNICEF humanitarian relief efforts in Sri Lanka, and noted that in his view, the humanitarian crisis situation in Pakistan is more dire and has broader regional implications than the situation in Sri Lanka. Chen added that he has already recommended to his superiors that Singapore consider making a contribution to the upcoming UN appeal, but he did not think the GOS had yet made a decision whether to contribute.

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